

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

### Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Thursday, September 3, 2015

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Nowak, Commissioner Montgomery and Commissioner Huebsch.

#### **Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

#### **1490-CE-106 – Application of Cumberland Municipal Utility, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Upgrade its Generator Exhaust System at its Existing Generation Plant, Located in the City of Cumberland, Barron County, Wisconsin**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

#### **6630-BS-101 – Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Authority to Transfer Milwaukee County Power Plant and Related Steam Distribution Assets to Wisconsin Regional Medical Center Thermal Service, Inc., Located in the City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

#### **4660-ER-105 – Application of Pioneer Power and Light Company for Authority to Increase Electric Rates**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

#### **6410-ER-104 – Application of the Westfield Milling and Electric Light Company for Authority to Increase Electric Rates**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

#### **320-WR-102 – Application of Baldwin Municipal Water Utility, St. Croix County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**2010-WR-113 – Application of Fond du Lac Water Utility, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**5270-WR-105 – Application of Saukville Municipal Water Utility, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**5290-WR-101 – Application of Schofield Municipal Water and Sewer Utility, Marathon County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**5450-WR-105 – Application of the Village of Shorewood Hills Water Utility, Dane County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**3270-SB-133 – Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Issue and Have Outstanding at Any One Time Short-Term Notes and Commercial Paper in Amounts Not to Exceed \$100,000,000**

The Commission approved the application filed on behalf of Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE) for authority to issue and have outstanding short-term indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 for a period of three years, ending December 31, 2018.

The Commission modified and approved the Certificate of Authority and Order to include the typographical corrections suggested by MGE.

The Commission directed the Secretary to the Commission to sign the Certificate of Authority and Order on behalf of the Commission.

**3270-SB-134 – Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Implement Five-Year Credit Facilities**

The Commission approved the application filed on behalf of MGE to implement a \$60 million five-year credit facility and a \$40 million five-year community credit facility.

The Commission approved the Certificate of Authority and Order, as drafted, which allows MGE to have principal balances outstanding for greater than one year.

The Commission directed the Secretary to the Commission to sign the Certificate of Authority and Order on behalf of the Commission.

**4220-CE-178 – Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin to Remove, Replace, and Double-Circuit 36 Miles of Transmission Facilities from 69 kV to 161/69 kV, Between the Couderay and Osprey Substations in Sawyer and Rusk Counties, Wisconsin**

**Notification of Significant Project Scope and Location Changes and Petition to Amend Final Decision**

The Commission discussed this matter and determined that it would reopen the docket and provide for a 10-day comment period for the limited purpose of accepting new evidence as it pertains to the five proposed changes to the scope of the project and proposed changes in project cost.

The Commission delegated authority to the Administrator of the Gas and Energy Division to review comments and issue an order; and/or, if no comments are received, the Secretary to the Commission is directed to issue an order approving all of the requested changes.

The Commission directed that a letter of reprimand be issued to Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSPW), warning the company that formal action will be considered for any future non-compliance with Commission orders.

In addition, the Commission directed NSPW to submit a compliance plan within 60 days that identifies the specific changes NSPW has or will implement to avoid future compliance issues. Commission staff was instructed to review the plan once it has been filed and to return it to NSPW for modification if it is not sufficient.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order reopening the matter and a letter of reprimand consistent with its discussion.

**6320-CC-189435 – Complaint filed by Carol Swiderski Against Wauwatosa Water Utility**

The Commission determined that Ms. Swiderski's request for a formal review of her complaint against Wauwatosa Water Utility, relating to a disputed amount of water use of 640 hundred cubic feet, is without merit.

The Commission further determined, however, that Ms. Swiderski shall be issued a "leak rate" credit in the amount of \$337.61, leaving a total outstanding balance on her account in the amount of \$1,747.21. The Commission directed that Ms. Swiderski shall be provided a period of 36 months to pay the outstanding balance, with no interest.

The Commission directed the Wauwatosa Water Utility to work with Commission staff in order to determine how to most effectively take full advantage of its advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) technology so as to provide notice to customers about unusual usage as soon as possible.

The Commission directed the Division of Water, Compliance and Consumer Affairs to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

**5-GF-104 – Administration of the Universal Service Fund**

**Determination of the Universal Service Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2016**

The Commission approved a \$4.53 million operating budget for the Universal Service Fund for Fiscal Year 2016, as proposed by Commission staff and the Universal Service Fund Council.

The Commission directed the Division of Business and Communications Services to draft an order consistent with its decision.

**1-IC-500 – Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Citizens Utility Board to Participate in Docket 6680-CE-176**

The Commission approved the request filed on behalf of the Citizens Utility Board, awarding the amount of \$64,560 in intervenor compensation to participate in Wisconsin Power and Light Company's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build an approximately 650 megawatt natural gas-fueled power plant and a 2 megawatt solar installation at its existing Riverside Energy Center facility.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

**1-IC-501 – Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by RENEW Wisconsin to Participate in Docket 6680-CE-176**

The Commission denied the request filed on behalf of RENEW Wisconsin for \$26,755 in intervenor compensation to participate in Wisconsin Power and Light Company's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build an approximately 650 megawatt natural gas-fueled power plant and a 2 megawatt solar installation at its existing Riverside Energy Center facility.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

**1-IC-502 – Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Edgewater Estates Subdivision to Participate in Docket 6680-CE-176**

The Commission denied the request filed on behalf of the Edgewater Estates Subdivision for \$45,000 in intervenor compensation to participate in Wisconsin Power and Light Company's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build an approximately 650 megawatt natural gas-fueled power plant and a 2 megawatt solar installation at its existing Riverside Energy Center facility.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

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Secretary to the Commission

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